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ATTN: AC/SE

INFO:

- OSOPUS/OSOTUS
- Special Leaflet

1. In view of the forthcoming trials of AIRPORT, MIFETLOG, and the other agents of the Apple group, headquarters submit for your consideration the suggestion that a special leaflet be prepared beforehand and dropped immediately after the trial.
2. If the trials were to end without any action on our part there could possibly be a tendency by the Albanian population to think the team's sponsors have forgotten them or are unable to do anything. This leaflet would therefore have the purpose of countering the propaganda effect of the trial and reducing its discouraging impact. The men of Apple group are lost but if the matter is dropped without anything positive being done it will be a double victory for the Communists.
3. An attempt should be made in this leaflet to suggest that the agents on trial were free men, who because of their devotion to their country risked their freedom and lives in an attempt to help the population against Communism. The proposed leaflet should also attempt to make these men a symbol of resistance - men who will never be forgotten. It should not be stated in the text that this leaflet is directly concerned with the members of the Apple group since this would associate the leaflet with the sponsors of the group. The leaflet should rather speak in terms of generalities. The necessary connection would be accomplished by the timing of the leaflet drop.
4. As an alternative to a general leaflet the field might consider preparing one that took the form of an indictment of the court, the prosecutor and the government for crimes against patriotic Albanians.

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5. Since for security reasons it would be preferable to print the leaflets in Athens without the knowledge of NTHON, we welcome your comments on the advisability of such a leaflet and whether the facilities are available in Athens for its production. We realize that there is a time element involved but there should be at least enough leaflets to saturate the city (presumably Piraeus) in which the trials will be held.

6. We also propose that for security reasons and contrary to usual practice, the leaflet not be attributed to KREMLIN but be written without attribution at all. However, it should nevertheless be cleared locally with Sovelin.

7. Attached under separate cover is a text which is submitted as a suggestion. The field should feel free to make any changes or to rewrite the text entirely.

Acting Chief, SE

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1 w/att, u.s.c. (1)

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Attachment to SDAM-4037
(under separate cover)

Patriotic Albanians -

We ask you to pay tribute--silently and in the secrecy of your own home, to the heroes of the patriotic resistance, those who have risked their lives and those who have martyred themselves so that our beloved country may be free. Despite the evil tricks and bloody methods of the Communist dogs, there will always be heroes who will spring up to take the places of the fallen.

Long Live Free Albania!
Long Live the Martyrs of the Resistance!
They Will Never be Forgotten!

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